



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**South Carolina Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 11, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 4.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s.

**County Comments**

Scattered showers kept crops growing in most areas, but heat caused a lot of stress.

**David Dewitt, Lee County**

Corn harvest began with reports of strong yields for irrigated land. Some cotton and peanuts benefitted from rain showers scattered throughout the county.

**Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County**

A storm on Saturday night brought a little rain, but overall, we are still quite dry. More fall brassicas were planted, and caterpillar pressure was already present on emerged plants. Downy mildew developed on cucumbers and pumpkins on a more widespread scale.

**Justin Ballew, Lexington County**

The week was very hot and humid. Fortunately, Charleston County received afternoon showers that kept crops alive. Producers continued to pick okra and peppers. Harvesting of muscadines was in full swing.

**Zack Snipes, Charleston County**

Due to this being the fourth week without adequate rain to meet crop needs, producers observed a distinct loss of crop condition and yield potential in all crops and pastures. Crop leaves wilted by noon. Corn harvest continued.

**Hugh B. Gray, Hampton County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/11/19**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	66	44	60	79
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	86	63	73	84
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	1	NA	1	1
Hay - 2nd Cutting .....	59	55	51	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	87	78	71	86
Peanuts - Pegging.....	96	94	87	95
Soybeans - Blooming .....	62	45	54	67
Soybeans - Setting Pods	19	8	24	24
Tobacco - Topped .....	90	85	NA	NA
Tobacco - Harvested.....	60	48	37	53

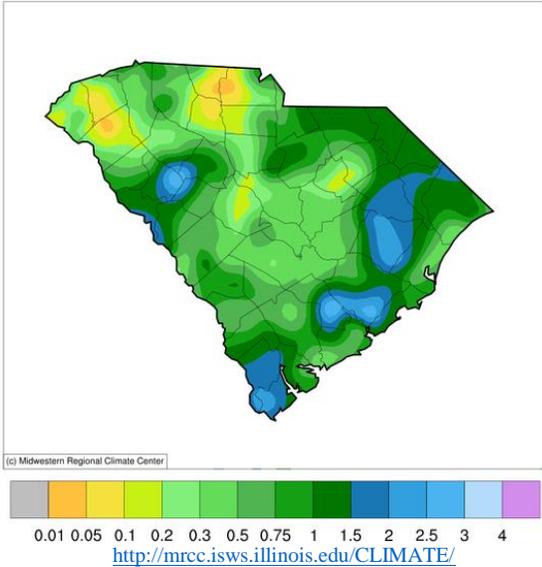
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/11/19**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	0	33	62	5
Corn .....	5	19	30	33	13
Cotton .....	0	6	34	52	8
Pasture and range.....	0	15	49	31	5
Peanuts.....	0	2	25	63	10
Soybeans.....	0	2	48	45	5
Tobacco.....	0	0	49	50	1

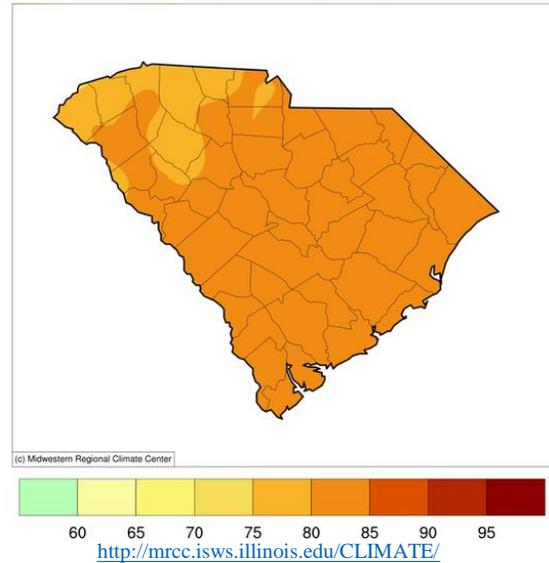
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/11/19**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	17	6
Short.....	56	41
Adequate.....	26	52
Surplus.....	1	1
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	12	6
Short.....	51	38
Adequate.....	37	56
Surplus.....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 05, 2019 to August 11, 2019



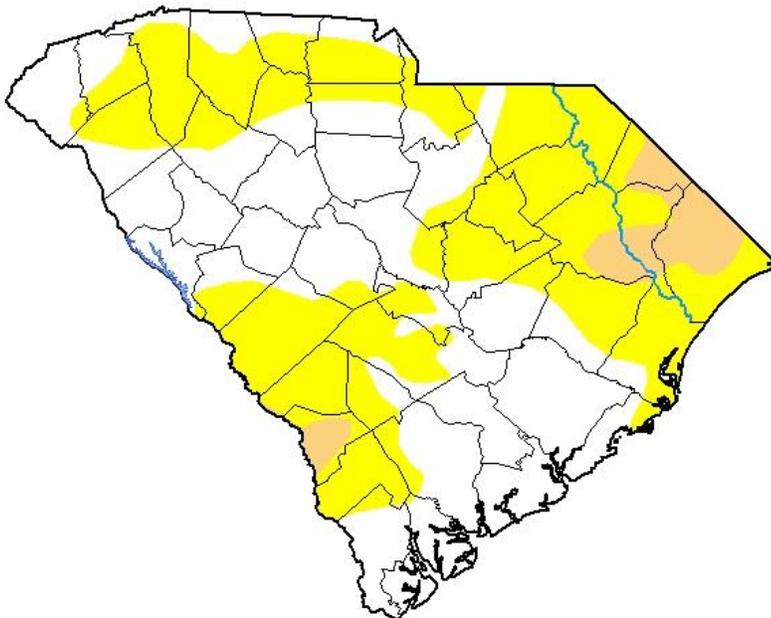
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 05, 2019 to August 11, 2019



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2019.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2019.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**August 6, 2019**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	49.67	50.33	5.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-30-2019	46.26	53.74	5.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-07-2019	45.71	54.29	23.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-25-2018	89.90	10.10	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 08-07-2018	97.67	2.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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